

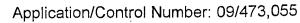
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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>08 I</u>	<u>May 2002</u> .					
2a)⊠ This action is FINAL . 2b)□ Th	is action is non-final.					
3) Since this application is in condition for allows closed in accordance with the practice under Disposition of Claims	ance except for formal matters, p Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 4	rosecution as to the merits is 453 O.G. 213.				
4) \boxtimes Claim(s) <u>1.3-12 and 14</u> is/are pending in the a	pplication.					
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5)⊠ Claim(s) <u>7,8,10 and 11</u> is/are allowed.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1,3-6,9,14</u> is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o	r election requirement.					
Application Papers						
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine		minor				
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acce						
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.						
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.						
12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120						
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign	n priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a	a)-(d) or (f).				
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:	•					
1.☐ Certified copies of the priority document	s have been received.					
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the prio application from the International Bu * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	rity documents have been receiv reau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	ed in this National Stage				
14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domest	ic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119	(e) (to a provisional application).				
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)	5) Notice of Informal	ry (PTO-413) Paper No(s) Patent Application (PTO-152)				



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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1,3-6, 9, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Malhotra et al (5,302,249).

The claims are rejected for the reasons given in the previous Office Action,
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- 2. Claims 7,8,10, and 12 are allowed.
- 3. Applicants' arguments have been considered but are deemed unpersuasive of patentability. It is urged that Malhotra et al treats the formed paper rather than before or during the paper making process as in the present invention. To the extent that the rejected claims are understood, the claims are composition claims and not method claims. The composition contains a pulp blend containing deinked pulp and the compound. This is shown by Malhotra et al albeit the method of adding the compound is different but nevertheless the final product is a composition containing the claimed components. Applicants imply the recycled paper under the trademark *Conservatree* do not deinked pulp. That is contrary to the meaning of "recycled" paper as it is understood in the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Chin whose telephone number is (703) 308-2046. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on (703) 308-1164. The fax phone numbers

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0651.

> Peter Chin Primary Examiner

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